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Preparing children for success in life



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Dear Community Members

The following is the Makikihi School news for Term 4. The year has been an extremely busy one and has gone very quickly.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board has been working hard to keep up its role in managing the school. Roxanne Fenwick, the Board Chairperson, is very approachable should you need to talk about school matters. School policies are ratified every month and changes made if need be.

SWIMMING POOL:

The pool is now operational. If you wish to lease a key for the season you may do so by contacting the school office, or during the holidays, Tracy Johnson, 6895557. A key is \$25 for the season and \$10 will be refunded when the key is returned at the end of the season.

The pool roof cover is being replaced as soon as the contractor is available.

Casual swims can also be arranged by contacting Tracy.

SCHOOL CONCERT:

Date has been set for the concert, Tuesday 7th December at 5.30pm and afterwards a BBQ in the school grounds. Extended family and friends, are very welcome.

If you stay for the BBQ please bring your own eating utensils plus a salad and a finger dessert.

STRAWBERRY FARE:

The school intends to have a stall at the Strawberry Fare on Saturday 11th December. Simon Hawke has been working very hard to organise this and all help is willingly accepted. Lamb burger buns will be sold. The succulent lamb is from Simon's farm and Riverstone Kitchen (restaurant award winners for this year) donated sauces/chutneys to put in the buns. This donation of sauces was very generous and much appreciated. If you are at the Fare please support our stall.

TERM 4:

This is always a busy time. Swimming has started and end of year school concert preparations are under way.

Room One held a "Wheels Day" which proved popular. The children loved the concrete court area to ride their bikes, scooters and carts.

The children planted over ten trees each at the Waimate Bushtown project. You may have seen a photo of our school pupils in the Timaru Herald on Wednesday 24th November.

The children enjoyed their "Run Jump Throw Day" and the school team had success at the Waimate District Athletics Sports. Three children progressed to the South Canterbury Schools Athletics sports.

PET DAY:

A very successful pet day was held on Friday 5th November. A great variety of pets came to school that day, including two fresh water snails! The children had been busy making cookies, vegetable creatures, saucer posies and writing a diary about their pet. A BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon there were three legged races, gum boot toss, and egg and spoon races. The adults all joined in the spirit of the day and thanks to Mrs. Nooy for her wonderful organisation.

Thanks to Judith Stewart, Jackie Palmer, Dennis Hawke, Agatha Heerink and David Stark who were the judges on the day.

WAIMATE A&P SHOW:

Children entered work in the show and at Assembly last Friday a number of certificates were presented as prizes. Jesse Johnson was awarded a special prize for his "funk into junk" creation which was a robot made out of door handles. It was quite ingenious. (see photo on back page).

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERS: (P.A.L.'s)

Jessie Johnson, Jessika Williams, Keeley Armstong and Ashleigh Meyer are Physical Activity Leaders in the school. They organise games for the younger children and do a very good job during some lunchtimes and after Assembly on Fridays. The P.A.L.'s are supported by Lee King from Sport South Canterbury. Lee helps with ideas, planning and encouraging comments. Cameron Avery and Angus Wilson have been trained to join the team in 2011.

SCHOOL BUS:

The school's bus zone boundary in the north is by Springbank Road and to the south, just south of the Waimate State Highway One turn off (Nosh). The school offers a "door to door" service including Woolshed Valley Road, Hunter district, Hook district, and has an agreement with the Waimate schools to pick up children in Waimate should families so wish.

The bus is equipped with seat belts. Recently some more suitable restraints were purchased for the smaller children on the bus run.

The bus committee will be meeting on Wednesday 15th December at 7.30pm in the school staffroom to organise arrangements for 2011.

Anyone interested in bus matters is welcome to attend this meeting.

GARDENS:

The children, with the help of Mr. Facer, have been working hard in the gardens. The children enjoyed digging new potatoes this week. If you are at school any time take a wander over to the gardens and have a look. You may be impressed!

MUSIC PROGRAMME:

Mr. Botting continues to work with the children for music. He has been busy organising items for the concert. We are fortunate he is part of the Makikihi teaching team and shares his expertise in performing arts with us.

TENNIS COACHING:

Tennis South Canterbury coaches have been working with the children for 6 weeks during this term. Basic techniques as well as hand-eye co-ordination skills were taught. This formed part of the school's Physical Education programme.

ACTIVE SPORT:

Every week Jonothan Nelson, a representative from South Canterbury Sport, takes the children for lunchtime sport. Jonothan is a N.Z. representative in the Paralympics for hand cycling. He enjoys working with friendly country children.

DIWALI CELEBRATION:

A Fijian Indian family is part of our school community and we feel privileged to embrace their culture. We celebrated Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light, and the beginning of their New Year, on Tuesday 26th October. The family painted associated symbols on the concrete and prepared a delicious lunch for all the pupils. We had a dance demonstration after lunch and all present were invited to join in. It was a very special day and a special thanks to the Kumar family.

W.A.V.E.: (Wellbeing & Vitality Education):

The children, with the help of Andrea Meyer, do cooking every Friday morning. They have made carrot cake, rhubarb muffins, baked potatoes etc. The children enjoy the cooking as they get to eat what they have made and where possible, they use produce which has been grown in the garden.

MAKIKIHI HALL:

If you wish to book the hall for a function please contact Tracy Johnson, 6895557.

HOOK MEMORIAL HALL:

Recently the Hall Committee gave the Makikihi School a donation of \$500 to go towards swimming pool costs. This is extremely generous and much appreciated as it does cost a lot of money for chemicals etc. to keep the pool in good order. Thank you to the committee and residents.

Any Hook resident is welcome to a key for the season free of charge.

HOOK MOBILE KINDERGARTEN:

The Mobile Kindergarten is held in the Hook Memorial Hall every Friday morning from 9am to 11.30am. There are many welcoming parents and preschoolers ready to make new friends and share local knowledge.

Ages from birth to 6 years.

For more information please ring Karen Skilleter, Early Childhood Educator on 6898961.

MAKIKIHI COUNTRY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: (CWI)

The Makikihi group is socially active and very welcoming. They have a wide range of outings and a bond of fellowship.

They are celebrating their Christmas party on the 9th December at 7.30pm by visiting Lorraine & Gerald Barlow's garden and afterwards a get-together in the Makikihi Hall. If you would like to join in you would be made very welcome.

If you would like to make enquiries about joining please ring Agatha Heerink, president, 03 6895869 for further information.

CAKES:

If you need a cake for any occasion such as wedding, 21st, birthday, Christmas, anniversary etc. please contact Tracy Johnson, 03 6895557. Tracy's work is outstanding. She also makes Gingerbread Houses for Christmas but you will need to place your order in good time.

TERM DATES:

School finishes on Thursday 9th December and resumes on Monday 7th February 2011.

In 1998 the Ministry of Education offered primary schools the chance to observe secondary school term dates from 1999.

Our application was accepted to follow secondary school term dates in line with Waimate High School.

NEWSLETTER:

Community members are welcome to use the community newsletter for advertising meetings or for any news items they wish to make known. Please contact the school office.

I hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. It was encouraging to get so much positive feedback from previous community newsletters.

The school continues to thrive with a great staff, supportive parents and capable enthusiastic Board of Trustees plus a great group of youngsters who spend their time getting equipped to "Succeed in Life".

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the very best wishes for 2011. Happy holidays.

John Palmer.
Principal.



